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Applicant(s): Cain

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Examiner: Wilson

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 13, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:In the claims:REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph

Claims 3-7, 10-13 and 18-21 were rejected relative to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph "because the metes and bounds of the claim cannot be assessed..." Applicants' have amended claim 3 to more distinctly recite the metes and bounds of the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention, by amending claim 3 to recite "...providing the second protocol with